

First Baptist Church Keller Deacon Meeting

January 12th, 2025

Meeting was conducted on-campus at First Baptist Church Keller (FBCK) with a Zoom option as well.

Staff Members in Attendance on-campus

Keith Sanders, Scott Knox, Tony Richmond, Lawrence Duhon, Mike Gonzales

Deacons in Attendance

A total of 67 Deacons signed in on-campus and/or attended over Zoom.

Call to Order, Welcome Remarks

- Chairman Guy Simpson called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer.
- Deacons then broke into rooms to pray in small groups for the pastors in-person and on-line attendees prayed for staff not able to make the meeting
- Once everyone was back together, Kirby Kercheval prayed for our church health and unity in 2025

Ministry Team Updates – Chris Norris:

Chris kicked off the ministry team updates, and each Team Leader that was present provided updates for each of the respective ministry team they lead. Each month in 2025, starting with Deacon-Led Prayer team, each team lead will be asked to give a brief overview/update of their respective team.

1. Physical Services Team – Chris Norris for David McReynolds: Nothing recently in regard to large projects. Working on updating the list of volunteers with our skill sets and looking to move around future work requests to those on the list who have not been asked to assist with projects.
2. Widows Team – Don Johnston: We are up to date on widow assignments. There were 5 assigned widows since our last meeting in November. Thanks to all involved for the widows banquet.
3. Baptism Ordinance Team – Kreg Bryant: Kreg prayed for baptisms to continue in 2025. In the February meeting, Kreg will present the yearly graph of baptisms from 2024
4. Deacon-Led Prayer Team – Chris Norris: schedule is posted for 2025. Chris gave an overview of the team. Our church needs to hear us pray and know that they too can talk to God in prayer. About 14 deacons per service are currently signed up, so each praying about 3 times a year. We can always use more deacons on the team. Chris is looking for someone to take over for the team lead.
5. Lord's Supper Ordinance Administration Team – Jim Roberts: 37 responses thus far for both services to serve, more are needed as 55 are needed for a full crew. Even if you are not available, a response is appreciated. Next Lord's Supper on January 26th.
6. Hospital Visitation Team – Ron Shields: Team is ready to serve in 2025 and 2024 was a great blessing for all involved.
7. Sunday Prayer Team – Perry Leonard: Reminder as you come into the worship service, continue to pray for our church, staff, etc.

8. New Member Candidate Visitation Team – Chris Norris for Paul Chastain: Schedule for 1st half of 2025 posted on the deacon website. If there are any other deacons wanting to join the visitation team to please reach out to Paul.

Scotty Mullins gave an update from the November meeting on the initiative to start & add a ministry team focusing on the widowers of our church body. We need more deacons to volunteer for this ministry. Scotty will be the first ministry team lead. An email will be sent by Scotty to the deacon body with the write up of the ministry and there ~30 widowers and it would be great to have about 15 deacons serve. Several of the widowers are former deacons as well.

Updates from Pastors/Staff in attendance

Senior Pastor Keith Sanders:

- 2025 is the year of prayer and praise.
- Keith gave a few examples of prayer requests in his life and encouraged all of us to keep a prayer journal and pray specifically for needs in our life.
- Giving update – December's giving alone was \$1.4 million. Record for any month at FBC Keller.
- KIDS – Kids in Discovery School Director, Cathy Davison, has announced her retirement. A subcommittee was created, and the result of the committee was to end the KIDS program.
 - The church is looking at renovating the area used for KIDS and this can potentially open up space for Sunday School.
 - The teachers will be informed within the week to announce this along with a letter to the existing parents to inform them.
 - Very few families within our church body utilize KIDS.
- Vision Team – next time to meet is in February and topic is stewardship. Plan is to bring a recommendation to the church body in May. Jim Flick is the Chairman and Kreg Bryant the Vice Chairman of the Vision Team.
- Continue to pray for Keith's dad's health.

Associate Pastor – Missions & Evangelism Lawrence Duhon:

- John Romig recently took college students on a trip to attend a conference.
- International Friends ministry kicks off this month. About 55 volunteers serving in this ministry with about 70 people attending.
- Mission trips coming up – Dan Trantham to Kenya; Bob Vigoren to southern India. About 10 going to Guatemala in February.
- Vision Team has come up with some great ideas for community outreach. Plans are being put in place and more announcements to come.

Associate Pastor – Family Ministry Tony Richmond:

- Pray for Harvest Christian as they are searching for a new headmaster. Andrew Young is part of the process and currently trying to narrow down to a few candidates.
- DNOW at the church later in January and 140 so far signed up. Abiding in Christ is the theme so please pray for the student ministry.

- Men's Prayer Breakfast, 4 times this year are meeting, so please consider joining these times. 1st one at the end of January (the 25th). Tony will be sending an email with the 4 dates in 2025.
- Re-Engage started back up in January, this time on Wednesday's. So far 15 couples have signed up.
- Church Membership process is going along well, and the Lord is continually sending more people to our church.

Associate Pastor – Administration Scott Knox:

- Praise the Lord for a church that is generous in giving.
- A significant remodel will be discussed by the Building/Grounds & Long Range Planning committees.

Senior Adult Minister – Senior Adults Mike Gonzales:

- GAP ministry doing well and focusing on thrive – thrive in 2025
- Empower conference February 2024. Cost to ride the bus & food is \$40.
- What does your dash tell sessions started, with Ed Glasgow leading
- April 10th, bluebonnet day trip and bus is almost full
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Chairman closing remarks

- November meeting minutes were approved unanimously with no changes requested
- Reminder of Lord's Supper on January 26th and please respond to Jim Roberts
- Benevolence Fund amounts:
 - Widows - \$1,931
 - Deacon - \$4,383
- Next meeting is February 16th, 2025, at 4pm
- David Kennedy announced as a deacon transfer candidate

Prayer Requests – Jim Sabey:

A few announcements:

- Jim provided a quick walk through of the deacon website as a refresher. There are several items out on the deacon website such as the contact list, deacon handbook, ministry teams, meeting minutes, etc. A request to the deacons was made to review their contact information and provide any updates to Jim.
- Jim read a few thank you cards from a few widows for their appreciation of the widows banquet.

Prayer requests:

- Lady in the 830am service with a medical emergency. Praise to Lance and the security team for their leadership as well.
- California wildfires
- Kreg Bryant for his wife and praise for Tammy being clear of cancer for 5 years now.
- Ken Gardner's surgery, it was rescheduled.

- Arden H – going every 2 weeks for chemotherapy treatments.
- Marriages in our church.
- Buddy Linder has early stages of Alzheimer’s and is trying a new treatment program.

Closing Prayer by Jim Sabey

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sabey, Vice-Chair Records